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1. SUMMARY. DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES MET WITH VISITING TURKISH OFFICIALS MENTIONED IN REFTEL A ON JUNE 18 FOR A DISCUSSION CONCERNING ESTABLISHMENT OF A DISASTER TRAINING CENTER IN TURKEY AS SUGGESTED IN THE COURSE OF THE CCMS DISASTER ASSISTANCE PTLOT STUDY. NO COMMITMENTS CON-
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CERNING THE PROPOSED TRAINING CENTER WERE MADE AT THE

MEETING BY EITHER SIDE. IN VIEW OF UNCERTAINTIES REGARDING THE ACTUAL OPERATION OF SUCH A CENTER IN ANKARA, IT WAS AGREED THAT A TRIAL SEMINAR SHOULD BE CONDUCTED BY THE TURKS WITH SOME AMERICAN ASSISTANCE, USING THE FACILITIES OF THE PROPOSED CENTER TO TEST THE FEASIBILITY OF THE PROJECT.

2. MAHLER OF AID/FDRC, HARRIS, CCMS COORDINATOR FOR RUSSELL TRAIN OF EPA, AND SCHOLLAERT OF EUR/RPM MET WITH TURKISH OFFICIALS OF THE MINISTRY OF RECONSTRUCTION AND RESETTLEMENT, EVRAN KAYNAK, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF NATURAL DISASTER AFFAIRS,

AND ERSAN BEHLAN, PLANNING OFFICER, GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF NATURAL DISASTER AFFAIRS. KAYNAK WAS UNABLE TO GO BEYOND THE EARLIER STATEMENTS OF BENLI TO THE ECON/COM COUNSELOR AS REPORTED IN REFTEL A CONCERNING TURKISH READINESS TO ASSUME SPECIFIC FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE LION'S SHARE OF THE COST OF ESTABLISHING AND OPERATING THE TRAINING CENTER. KAYNAK ALSO WAS NOT RECEPTIVE TO IDEA OF GOT PAYING FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND PER DIEM OF PARTICIPANTS AT TRAINING CENTER SESSIONS, AS US HAS REPEATEDLY MAINTAINED.

3. IN VIEW OF UNCERTAINTIES FACING ANY SUCH TRAINING CENTER IN ANKARA, IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT A TRIAL SEMINAR ON EARTHQUAKE DISASTER PLANNING, INTERNATIONAL IN CHARACTER, BE CONDUCTED IN ANKARA, USING THE FACILITIES OF THE PROPOSED TRAINING CENTER, IN ORDER TO GET A BETTER IDEA OF THE ADEQUACY OF THE FACILITIES, THE REACTION OF INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS TO INVITATIONS AND TO THE SITE, AND THE MYRIAD OTHER UNFORESEEN PROBLEMS LIKELY TO CROP UP WITH THE PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF A TRAINING SESSION.

4. ACCORDING TO KAYNAK, SOME THOUGHT HAS ALREADY BEEN GIVEN TO HOLDING A REGIONAL SEMINAR ON EARTHQUAKE DISASTER PLANNING, INVITING SUCH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES AS PAKISTAN, IRAN, IRAQ, YUGOSLAVIA, ROMANIA AND OTHER INTERESTED COUNTRIES. KAYNAK THOUGHT THAT PROBLEM OF PAYMENT

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OF TRAVEL WOULD BE MINIMIZED IF SEMINAR IS REGIONAL, WITH PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES PROBABLY PAYING FOR TRAVEL. KAYNAK PROMISED TO PURSUE THIS MATTER UPON RETURN TO ANKARA. UNLESS EMBASSY HAS OBJECTION, EMBASSY REQUESTED TO INFORM APPROPRIATE MINISTRY OF RECONSTRUCTION AND RESETTLEMENT OFFICIALS THAT U.S. SUPPORTS IDEA OF USING REGIONAL SEMINAR ON EARTHQUAKE DISASTER PLANNING AS TRIAL TO TEST FEASIBILITY OF DISASTER TRAINING CENTER.

AID/FDRC CAN PROVIDE SOME LIMITED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THIS SEMINAR. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO INFORM DEPARTMENT OF TURKISH DECISION ON THIS SEMINAR AS SOON AS IT IS KNOWN. NO SUGGESTION OF TIMING FOR SEMINAR WAS MENTIONED IN WASHINGTON.

5. FOR USNATO; PARIS AND ROME: EMBASSIES AND MISSION REQUESTED TO INFORM APPROPRIATE FRENCH AND ITALIAN OFFICIALS OF THESE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS AND SOLICIT REACTIONS AND ANY ASSISTANCE FRENCH OR ITALIANS CAN PROVIDE. ITALY IS CO-PILOT OF CCMS DISASTER ASSISTANCE PILOT STUDY. DR. DEFILIPO OF MINISTRY OF INTERIOR SHOULD BE NOTIFIED. FRENCH MINISTRY OF INTERIOR SENT

QUERY TO NATO SECRETARIAT (USNATO 453) WHICH EXPRESSED FRENCH INTEREST IN POSSIBLE EARTHQUAKE TRAINING CENTER IN TURKEY. NATO SECRETARIAT REPORTEDLY UNDERSTOOD THAT FRANCE MIGHT HAVE INSTRUCTORS AVAILABLE AND PARTICIPANTS INTERESTED. KISSINGER

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